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COAL STRIKE

UGLY SITUATION DEVELOPING IN SCOTLAND.

MINERS URGE MASS ACTION.

LORD CURZON FEARS ACUTE CLASS WARFARE.

LONDON, April 5.

While no further incidents in England and Wales have been reported, an ugly situation is developing in Scotland. Pipers headed bands of miners at Leven and Benhar (near Shotts) who demanded that the furnaces be immediately extinguished. A police guard at Benhar was overpowered after a fight in which four policemen and several loyal employers were injured. After that the miners burned five haystacks and smashed machinery. They left 25 ponies to drown underground.

MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION.

A mysterious explosion occurred in the Shettleston colliery near Glasgow after the manager and overman had descended to examine the machinery. The manager was killed and the overman gravely injured.

Reinforcements of police were sent to the pits in Lanarkshire, and the Lothians in response to urgent requests for help. The electric power station at Lochgelly in Fife was cut off and the water supply in a number of Fife villages failed. Owing to stoppage of the pumps all volunteers have been compelled to withdraw in the East Fife collieries. Intimidation of the pumpmen threatens the Glamorgan, Cambrian, and naval collieries in Wales with disaster.

FRONTAL ATTACK BY CAPITALISM.

LONDON, April 5.

Half a million members of 35 unions are represented at the delegate conference of the Transport Workers' Federation at Westminster to-day presided over by Mr. Gosling to consider action in connection with the crisis. The delegates assembling handed the "rank and file" a manifesto from the miners declaring *inter alia*: "You are faced to-day with the greatest crisis in the history of the British working classes. A million miners have been locked out by the mine-owners aided and abetted by the Government. It will be your turn next. Every sailor, fireman, steward, and cook is faced with a reduction of 90s. a month and not even Lord Shaw's dockers' award will be sacred. We miners look for definite and decisive action now, for sooner or later you will be compelled to act in self-defence. Why not join your comrades of the mines and meet a frontal attack by the capitalists by mass action of the workers? The lockout of the miners is the first battle. Your place is in the firing line."

The conference adjourned until to-morrow without reaching a decision.

OPOSITION TO DRASIC ACTION.

LATER.

The prospects of seeking unanimity at to-morrow's resumed conference of the transport workers are believed to be remote.

It was learned to-night that opposition to drastic action is becoming stronger. Kensington Gardens have been closed to the public. During the railway strike a part of Hyde Park adjacent to Kensington Gardens was used as a great milk distributing depot and apparently preparations are being made to establish a similar depot.

TRANSPORT WORKERS' CONFERENCE SENSATION.

LONDON, April 5.

The country is eagerly awaiting to-night's debate in the House of Commons with the hope that suggestions with a view to peace may emerge from it. There is a growing opinion in support of the proposal that an extended period of state control of the mines would prove the way out of the difficulty. Lord Derby, addressing the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce to-day, urged that state control be continued another month.

There is no development of the reported opening of informal peace negotiations between the Government and the miners' leaders. The attitude of the latter and the Triple Alliance is criticised not merely by Mr. Bromley but by Mr. Havelock Wilson, who caused a sensation at the transport workers' conference (which was private), by a speech denouncing the miners' demand for a subsidy and declaring that seamen were not making a fuss about the reductions with which they were threatened and had not asked the Triple Alliance for help. The speech was received with expressions of disapproval by many delegates but made a considerable impression. Representatives of the stevedores at the conference were notably opposed to strike action.

LIVELY DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

LONDON, April 5.

The coal debate in the House of Commons opened with Mr. Austen Chamberlain moving a humble address to the King thanking him for his gracious message that he had declared the existence of a state of emergency.

Commr. Kenworthy and a few Labour members wanted to challenge a division in this connection but the motion was passed without debate and without division.

Sir Robert Horne, speaking on the motion as regards emergency powers, emphasised the seriousness of the coal stoppage which had extinguished the first flicker of reviving trade. Nobody could say when that flicker would be rekindled. There were shouts of dissent from the Labour members and counter cheers from the Ministerialists. When Sir Robert Horne continued he asserted that the last coal strike had robbed us of many markets and dwelt on the American coal invasion of Europe which the present crisis threatened to aggravate.

STRIKE OR LOCKOUT?

Sir Robert Horne fervently hoped that the discussion would be calm and thus create a spirit conducive to settlement. The fact was that the slump in coal prices had falsified the anticipations of six months ago and the situation must be met.

Dealing with Labour interruptions to the effect that there was a lock-out not a strike, Sir Robert Horne pointed out that notices posted in South Yorkshire and other pits showed an increase, not a decrease, in wages (Ministerial cheers). Sir Robert Horne asked if the Labour members contended that the South Yorkshire miners had been locked out. (Labour cheer of "yes" and Ministerial laughter.) Sir Robert Horne said that he was content to leave the matter there. He did not propose to discuss the fairness of the rates in particular districts because the Miners' Federation refused to discuss rates with the owners.

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THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/4 5/8

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. JOHNSTONE'S SUCCESSOR.

MR. A. G. STEPHEN APPOINTED.

Subject to the approval of His Majesty the King, His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. A. G. Stephen to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council in the place of Mr. John Johnstone who has resigned.

[Mr. A. G. Stephen became Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on the departure or retirement of Sir Newton J. Stubb.]

MOTORIST INJURES CHILD.

CAINE ROAD ACCIDENT.

The small girl, reported to have been killed through being knocked down by motor car No. 228 in Caie Road yesterday afternoon, while seriously injured, is happily in no danger of losing her life. She was removed to the Government Civil Hospital where she is progressing as rapidly as can be expected towards recovery. It is thought her injuries will not be permanent.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

BRITAIN'S LABOUR CRISIS.

LONDON, April 5.

Encouraged by Mr. Lloyd George's statement that the Government is anxious to investigate every prospect of a solution of the coal dispute, certain transporters and prominent political labourites, notably Messrs. Clynes and Henderson, are advancing suggestions of a pacific character, principally for an extension of the period of control. These, however, can only succeed in saving of a Triple Alliance strike for a day or two if negotiations are not speedily reopened. The unions connected with the shipping trade yesterday announced their readiness to stop shipping in the event of the Alliance deciding in favour of a general cessation.

FRENCH MINE DISASTER.

NIMES, April 5th.

Fourteen miners were killed and 10 were injured by an explosion of fire damp in the Larbousset pit of the Treins coal-mines. It is feared that there are other bodies in the debris.

MR. ESMONDE ARRESTED.

VANCOUVER, April 5th.

Mr. Esmonde has been arrested by order of the Mayor and charged with addressing an Irish meeting, after he had promised to proceed direct to England.

"PUSSYFOOT'S" TOUR.

COLOGNE (Oxon), April 5th.

"Pussyfoot" Johnson, who has now fully recovered from bronchitis, sails for Liverpool on April 16th, accompanied by Dr. H. S. Russell, founder of the American Anti-Saloon League, to tour Europe first, and then India.

WAR IN ASIA MINOR.

ATHENS, April 5th.

No communiques have been issued for three days. The newspapers publish telegrams from Smyrna, which are attributed to a responsible source, saying that the Greek attack on Eskişehir was merely a ruse to divert the Turks' attention from the Greek occupation of the railway at Afyon Karahisar by which Turkish reinforcements from Cilicia were isolated from Ankara. They claim that this was completely successful.

After communications between Brussels and Ankara were cut, the Greeks retired to their original positions with prisoners and booty.

AMERICA AND WORLD POLITICS.

WASHINGTON, April 5th.

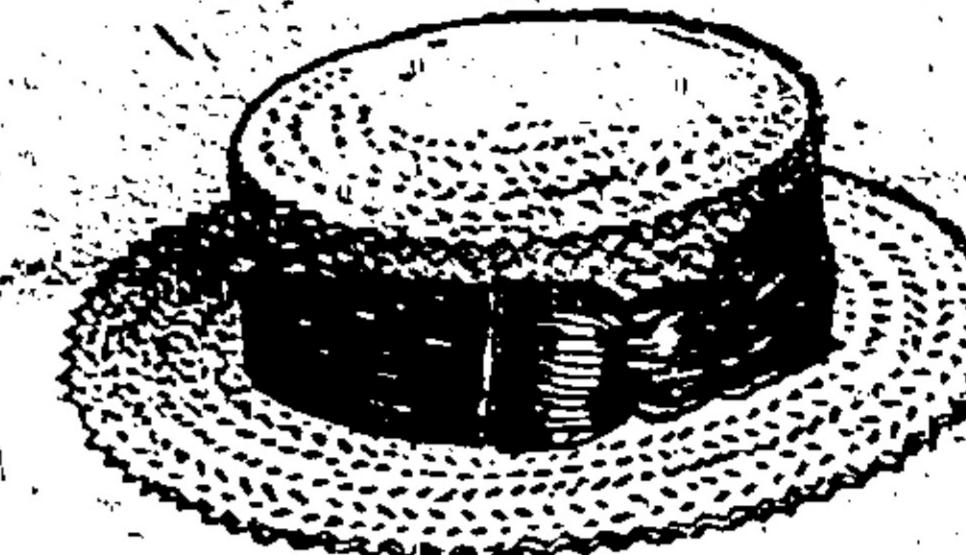
It is understood that Mr. Vivian was informed, at the dinner given in his honour at which a number of Senators, including most of the members of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, were present, that the Harding Administration intended to terminate the state of war with Germany by a Congressional resolution, and did not contemplate the entrance of the United States into the League of Nations, but that the United States would take no action in any way helpful to Germany, especially in regard to reparations, or in settling Germany's other peace obligations.

It is stated that Senator Knox's resolution for a separate peace with Germany will be introduced into the Senate as soon as Congress is convened.

WASHINGTON, April 5th.

In a note handed to Mr. Drexel, the United States High Commissioner in Berlin on March 23rd, Herr von Simson declared that an international loan, in favour of which the Allies may waive mortgages on German wealth and sources of revenue, constituted the only possible solution of the problem of Germany's rehabilitation.

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DEATH.

SMAY.—On the 5th inst., at the Peak Hospital, Edward George Kekewich Sinclair May, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., son of Major-General Sir Edward May, aged 28. The funeral will pass the Monument at 5.15 p.m. to-day.

The China Mail.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1921.

BRAWLING SAILORS.

Now let us all try to educate those simple sailor men of both sides, and to show them their fundamental error. It is not only they who need such instruction, as attentive reading of the police court reports clearly shows. There was a large amount of debate as to whether one side or the other was "outnumbered," the plain suggestion being that "man to man" would have been fair and right. We happen to know that this is a common delusion held by the lads on both sides. Even the Assistant Crown Solicitor might on one re-park attributed to him be suspected of sharing it. The American Lieutenant was trying to show that the fight in the hotel was "one man against one." The Assistant Crown Solicitor is reported to have said: "It doesn't make any difference, if they used bludgeons." There is no "it" about it. It doesn't make any difference any-

last longer. The use of improvised weapons is another matter. Let the lads remember that if they fight with bare fists they are still criminals. Where weapons of any sort are used, knuckle dusters, bottles, or what not, they expose themselves to the risk of much more serious charges than that of disorderly behavior or breach of peace. "Intent to do grievous bodily harm" may come in. Is it worth it? It most certainly is not. These lads, both American and British, have decent folks at home. What would they feel if anything unpleasant resulted, as it so easily might? And what is it all about, anyway? There can be no reasonable enmity between them. They ought to be the best of mates, talking the same language, having precisely the same ideals, sharing the same blood. Perhaps that is just it, that they speak the same language, and are too free with their likes, at first half-jocular, then getting hot and severe and serious. What about a guard upon that slippery member, the tongue? Or even a cultivation of the gentlemanly habit of courtesy? It seems to us it should be the easiest and most natural thing in the world for an English sailor to compliment an American, and vice versa. These remarks are uttered largely in the hope that they may be repeated and digested throughout the two fleets; but they are also especially for the ears of those thoughtless civilians who make partisan remarks, and foster bitterness where there should be laughter and friendliness.

If these lads (on both sides) are not amenable to reason, and persist in this unholy warfare, they must see that there can be only one result. We cannot allow them to continue, and will have to persuade their officers (both British and American) to stop all shore leave, at such times as we have reason to fear these unseemly proceedings. At present, we suppose after all these recriminations in Court, they will be eyeing each other askance for awhile. Those of them who may see our point of view, and have goodwill, will be embarrassed. How to make a fresh-start-with-more-sensible-and-agreeable-relations? We offer such a password: "China Mail and Fraternity." What's the matter with the *China Mail*? It's all right. Good lads! Stop being fools (and nuisances) and get together like virile warriors. A Red Indian would be ashamed to act so. It is unusual, perhaps, but we feel that we should not close without a respectful compliment to the Magistrate (Mr. Lindsell) for the conspicuous patience and fairness with which he handled the case. We wish it had occurred to him to address a few friendly words of admonition, on these lines, from the Bench. Coming from him, we think the words might have impressed the lads on both sides.

The working girl likes to fancy herself the associate of Dukes, moving in the highest circles, listening to their noble phrases, and a similar idea is cunningly suggested to the griffin's mind by the beggar's application. These rogues create from their imagination many more Taipans than the Colony could possibly find use for, while the true Taipans like the real Dukes are always birds of great rarity. They are also, it may be added, birds of passage, for they fit to and from the Homeland and finally migrate for good.

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But that was in the good old days, and now the seed of ambition in many a young assistant's heart refuses to germinate when he visions the Gulf to be crossed and the enormous efforts required to bridge it. He sees himself qualifying for a Taipan's job and his old age pension about the same date—or possibly passing the Monogram long before then. But he is nevertheless in the scheme of things for does he not conduce to the Taipan's greatness. Which brings us to the true realization of the Taipan's value. He is after all merely one instrument in the band—the trombone or the big drum perhaps—very necessary for the production of the harmony of the piece as a whole, but capable of playing alone only a very uninteresting solo.

The ideal Taipan is he who rises at ten, looks into office about eleven to sign the firm's name a few times, has an early tiffin at the club, and spends the rest of the day at Fanling or Repulse Bay. If he keeps up during his tenure of office his grateful staff will—when he departs for home—fire a long string of crackers in his honour regardless of the wrath of the severed hand.

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HONGKONG BUSINESS TYPES.

NO. 4—THE TAIPAN.

When the young Britisher arrives in the Colony whether he has come nursing the secret intention of making his fortune in a year or two, he is assailed at the first street corner by the cry "Cumshaw Taipan." He inquires as to the meaning of the phrase from the firm's assistant who is usually sent to meet him, and learns from that sophisticated resident that the begging children are asking for charity from the great, mighty, and wealthy one.

While he considers that the designation is perhaps trifling premature, yet he generally yields to the demand as the term may, he feels, contain something prophetic in it and in any case he has not been accustomed in the old country to such flattering requests. But afterwards he discovers by experience that the Chinese are adepts in the sycophantic art and that all the local beggars are in the habit of using the same mode of address to the youngest Portuguese clerk in the Colony. The beggars in fact are keen psychologists wishing to touch us all in our weakest spot, our susceptibility to praise.

There is seldom a girl's novella that does not contain at least one Duke. As there are many thousands of novellas there would, you think, naturally be nearly as many Dukes. But the fact is that while the Duke of romance is as common as the beggar in China the real Duke is indeed a rare artis there being only, they say, some couple of dozen of them in the world. The Duke and the Taipan are alike in this respect. The street beggars are romancers like the novella writers with exactly the same idea in view viz. the acquisition of money.

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L.—THE PHANTOM SCIMITAR.

BY SAXE ROHMER.

(Continued from yesterday.)

Professor Deeping, famous Orientalist, stole Mohammed's slipper and fled. Later he was found murdered in a roomy door and window looking out on the outside. And the assassin who killed him was found, a man with his blood in a small unopened box beside him. How did it get there? Who murdered him? How did the murderer get away? Read this and the other weird adventure stories in this remarkable series to learn of the mysterious fate that pursued everybody who touched the stolen slipper.

"Yes! Yes! Who is this?" "Deeping! I have rung up the police, and they are sending someone. But I wish—"

His voice trailed off. The sound of a confused and singular uproar came to me.

"Hello!" I cried. "Hello!"

A shriek unlike anything human and a distant babbling alone answered me. There was a crash. Clearly Deeping had dropped the receiver. Suppose my face blanched.

"What is it?" asked Bristol, anxiously.

"God knows what it is!" I said.

"Deeping has met with some mis-hap."

Then—"Hassan of Aleppo!"

came a dying whisper to my ear—

"Hassan—of Aleppo—"

IV.

"You had better wait for us," said Bristol, to the taxi-man.

"Very good, sir."

A clock chimed out—an old-world chime in keeping with the loneliness, the curiously remote loneliness, of the locality. Less than five miles from St. Paul's are spots to which, with the persistence of Damascus, cling the aromas of former days. This iron gateway before us was such a spot.

Just within stood a plain-clothes man, who saluted my companion respectfully.

"Professor Deeping," I began. The man, with a simple gesture, conveyed the dreadful news.

"Dead! dead!" I cried incredulously.

He glanced at Bristol.

"The most mysterious case I have ever had anything to do with, sir," he said.

We went through the gate and across the lonely grounds, entered the cottage, crossed the tiny lobby and came to the study. A man evidently

professor of the Orient that this sect still abides in Assyria, under the rule of a certain Hassan of Aleppo; the Sheikh-al-Jabal or supreme lord of the Hashishin.

My careful inquiries, however, at the time that I was preparing material for my Assyrian Mythology, failed to discover any trace of such a person or such a group.

"I accordingly assumed Hassan to be a myth—a first cousin to the jinn. I was wrong. He exists. And by my supremely rash act I have incurred his vengeance, for Hassan of Aleppo is the self-appointed guardian of the traditions and relics of Mohammed. And I have stolen one of the holy slippers of the Prophet!

"He, with some of his servants, has followed me from Mecca to England. My precautions have enabled me to retain the relic, but you have seen what fate befell all those others who even touched the receptacle containing it."

"If I fall a victim to the Hashishin, I am uncertain how you, as my confidant, will fare. Therefore, I have locked the slipper in my safe and to you entrust the key. Will you help me to break the door down? He was locked in!"

We passed him, entering the study.

It was a museum-like room, lighted by a lamp on the littered table. At first glance it looked as if some wild thing had run amuck there. The disorder was indescribable.

"What do you mean?" said Bristol. "Where were you?"

"I was away, on an errand, sir. When I returned, the police were breaking the door down. He was locked in!"

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"Nothing, sir. It's just as we found it when we forced the door."

"Why did you force the door?"

"He rang us up at the station and said that something or somebody had got into the house. It was evident the poor gentleman's nerve had broken down. Sir. He said he was locked in his study. When we arrived it was all in darkness but we thought he heard sounds in here."

Bristol turned.

"Key is in the lock on the inside of the door," he said. "Is that where you found it?"

"Yes, sir."

"Safe locked?"

"Yes, sir."

Professor Deeping lay half under the table, a spectacle so ghastly that I shrank not to attempt to describe it.

"Merciful heavens!" whispered Bristol. "He's nearly decapitated!"

I clutched dizzily at the mantelpiece. It was all so utterly, incredibly horrible. How had Deeping met his death? The windows both were shattered and the door had been locked from within!

"Why!" cried my companion suddenly. "The Professor has a chisel in his hand!"

"Yes, I think he must have been trying to pry open that box yonder when he was attacked."

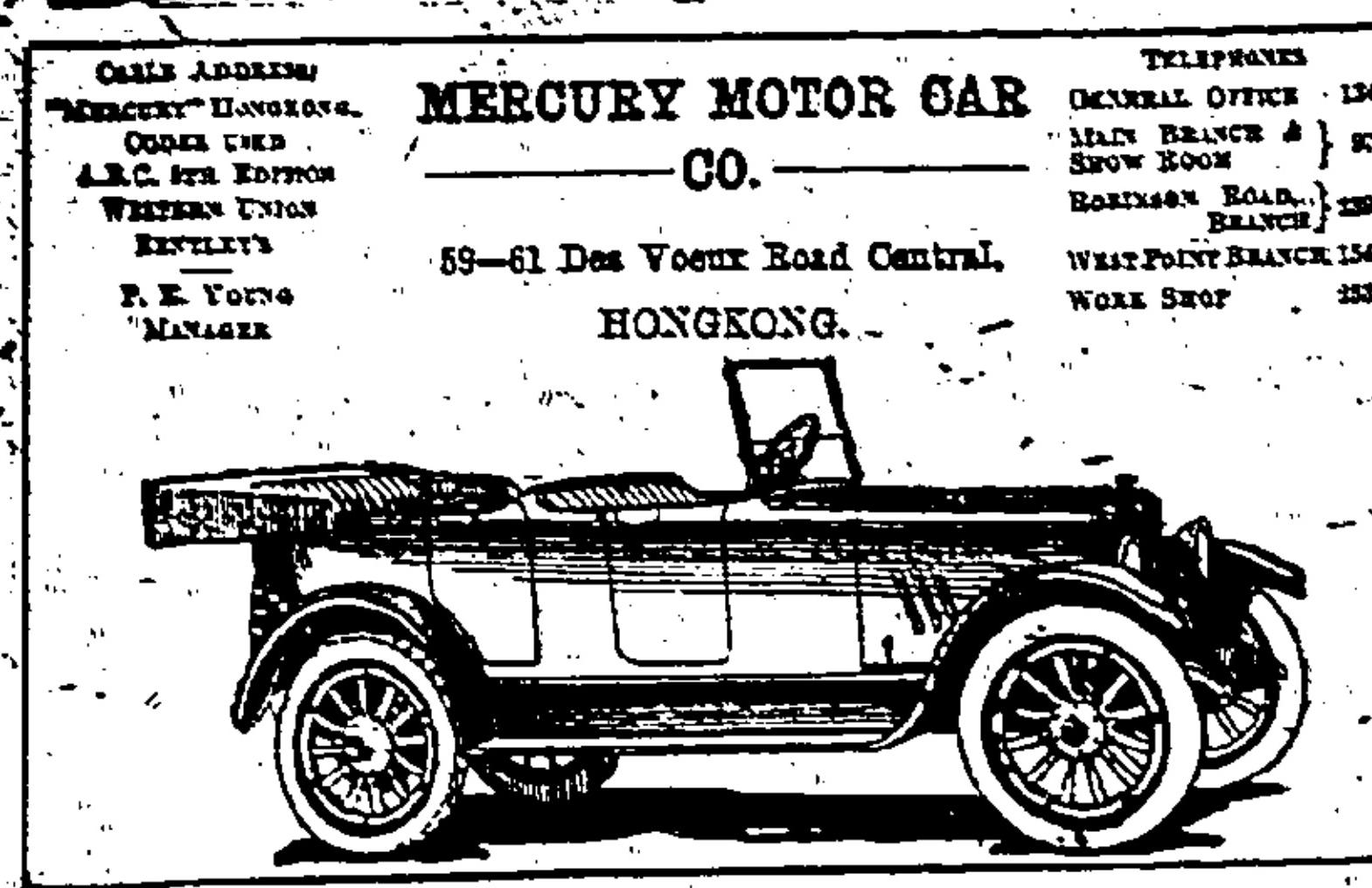
Bristol and I looked at an oblong box which lay upon the floor near the murdered man. It was a small packing-case, addressed to Professor Deeping and evidently had not been opened.

"When did this arrive?" asked Bristol.

"I don't know so."

Inspector

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1921.



TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

AMERICA AND EUROPE.

SQUARING THE CIRCLE.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—President Harding, interviewed, said that he was convinced there was no practical way in which the Government could consider ratification of the Versailles Treaty, but there was no need for precipitate action on the Knox resolution, and there was no reason for reversing the position he adopted when he voted for the resolution.

NEW YORK, April 5.—The Times, referring to the Government's policy, says that whilst there will be no specific pledge of military or political alliance with Europe, a declaration will probably be made in the Knox peace resolution that if the peace of Europe is again threatened by any power or combination of powers the United States will regard such a situation as menacing her own peace and freedom and will consult the other powers with regard to means for removing the menace.

LEAGUE DECISIONS NOT RECOGNISED.

PARIS, April 6.

According to the Echo de Paris, the United States has forwarded a note to Britain, France, and Italy, declining to be bound by the Treaty of Versailles nor the decisions of the League of Nations, and complaining that the Allies have shared the ex-German colonies, including the Island of Yap, without consulting America. French opinion regards the note as seeking to establish the serious principle that America is not bound by anything concluded in Europe since the armistice.

WAR IN ASIA MINOR.

GREEKS ADMIT REVERSE BUT CLAIM SUCCESSES.

LONDON, April 5.

A Greek communiqué dated April 5 states: "The battle of Eskishir has ended. We have withdrawn to the point whence we started the attack. The Turks did not attempt to obstruct our withdrawal owing to heavy losses. We captured Bouraz, 45 kilometres south of Ushak, routing 30 Turks, and the railway station at Tchivril, routing 2,000 Turks. South of Afunkarhisar we forced the 41st division coming from Cilicia to retreat."

CANNES TENNIS COURT THEFTS.

PLAYER'S WIFE STEALS VALUABLES FROM CLOTHING.

NICE, April 5.

Mrs. Gordon Lowe, wife of the tennis player, was sentenced to-day by the correctional tribunal to a year's imprisonment and a fine of 500 francs on a charge of stealing valuables from the clothing of players at Cannes tennis court. She was, however, granted the benefit of the first offenders' act as far as imprisonment was concerned, the execution of this portion of the sentence being thus suspended indefinitely.

GERMANY'S BAD FAITH.

CAUSE OF FRANCE'S ANXIOUS FINANCIAL SITUATION.

PARIS, April 6.

In the Senate, in the course of a speech on the foreign policy, M. Briand attributed France's anxious financial situation to the bad faith of Germany who had endeavoured to aggravate temporary differences which arose among the Allies but unexpectedly encountered a solid front. He expressed the opinion that Germany would soon divulge her presently concealed sources of revenue when she realized that the Allies were determined to enforce the treaty. He declared that France considered it prudent not to follow Britain's lead of signing a trade agreement with the Soviets.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

NEW YORK, April 5.

The Lawn Tennis Association has advised the challenging nations for the Davis Cup that the first round must be completed by July 30 if played in the United States or by July 9 if played elsewhere. The second round must be completed wherever played by August 6, the third round by August 13, and the fourth round by August 20. The challenge round begins at Forest Hills, New York, on September 2.

GOLF LINKS TRAGEDY.

VICTIM A MISSING SINN FEINER.

LONDON, April 5.

The victim of the Ashford golf links tragedy has been identified as Vincent Foyague who disappeared four months ago from Dublin where he was wanted by the Crown Forces as a Sinn Feiner. Police investigation in London shows that Foyague's body, was driven in a motor to the links.

IRISH POLICY WRONG.

CHURCH'S POWERFUL APPEAL TO PREMIER.

LONDON, April 6.

A powerful appeal signed by nine English and Scottish bishops, eleven presidents and moderators of the English and Scottish Non-Conformist denominations, addressed to the Premier and Sir Hamar Greenwood, has been circulated among Christian churches urging the Government to alter its Irish policy which is exposing us to misunderstanding and provoking hostile criticism throughout the Empire and the world. The appeal pleads with the Government to arrange a truce and resolutely pursue a magnanimous course.

EXIT KARL.

BUDAPEST, April 5.

The Premier announced in Parliament that Karl left Strelamanger today.

THE CHINA MAIL.

SPECIAL CABLES.

SINGAPORE STRIKE.

HARBOUR BOARD ARTISANS.

[China Mail SPECIAL.]

SINGAPORE, April 5.—The United Engineers and Harbour Board Chinese artisans struck to-day on account of a decrease in the allowance granted some months ago when there was adverse exchange with China. Now the exchange is normal the allowance has been decreased.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Last night H. E. the Governor dined at the R. A. Mess.

On April 2, H. E. gave a dinner party to the Officers of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. There were present, H. E. Major-General Sir George Macaulay Kirkpatrick K.C.B., R.G.S.I., Capt. Fisher, M.C. (A.D.C. to the G.O.C.) Lieut.-Col. L.G. Bird D.S.O., Major Rapson D.S.O., Major D.G.R. Black, Capt. Sir Eric Stuart Taylor, O.B.E., Lieut. W. Highby, Lieut. J. D. Smalley, Lieut. F. C. Hall, Lieut. A. Murdoch, Lieut. G. M. Dodwell, Lieut. A. J. M. Weyman, 2nd Lt. R. M. Smith, O.B.E., 2nd Lt. T. P. M. Bevan, M.C., and 2nd Lt. T. W. Hill, M.C.

H. E. is going North on board H.M.S. "Cairo" on April 8, and hopes to return about May 13. During the absence of the Governor, the Hon. Dr. Cland Severn, C.M.G., will administer the Government.

Preparations are being made at Government House for the King's Birthday celebrations. Invitations will shortly be issued only to those who have called at Government House during the current year.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

CATHOLIC PRESS DAY.

HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP D. POZZONI has called a General Meeting of the Catholic Community of the Colony, which is to be held in the Catholic Union Hall, at 3.30 p.m. TODAY, to consider proposals for assisting and extending the circulation of the two Hongkong Catholic monthlies, Bellisio e Patria and The Rock.

It is hoped that all who have at heart the interests of these two excellent Catholic magazines will endeavour to be present.

Tea and light refreshments will be served.

MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA.

Hongkong Branch.

MEMBERS are informed that the Regular Monthly Meeting will be held at the Guild Office, Sailors' Home, on THURSDAY, 7th April, at 5.45 p.m.

BUSINESS.—To elect Finance Committee, and deal with important correspondence.

W. J. STOLES,
Branch Secretary.
Hongkong, April 6, 1921.

NOTICE.

THE GENERAL OFFICER Commanding hopes that all Britons who served in the War, and who are now in Civil life in Hongkong, will meet in his office at VICTORIA BARACCS, at 5.30 p.m. on FRIDAY, 13th April, 1921, to consider a matter of common interest.

Hongkong, April 6, 1921.

ASTHMA INSTANTLY RELIEVED

A noted Physician will prove this to sufferers in Hongkong.

The astonishing statement that Asthma can be relieved instantaneously, coming from so well known authority as Dr. R. Schifmann, will be of interest to asthma sufferers. The experience of many Asthma patients has been that if this method has been affected them, as well as the disease has been regarded as incurable. This noted physician has, however, after a life-long study of Asthma and kindred diseases discovered a remedy which instantly relieves the severest case of Asthma, Hay Fever and Bronchitis. So complete is Dr. Schifmann's confidence in his remedy that he requests this paper to announce that to-day and to-morrow he offers a liberal sample box of "Schifmann's Asthma-D" free of charge to all persons applying at THE PHARMACY, 22 Queen's Road Central.

Dr. Schifmann believes that an actual test will be the most convincing, and in fact the only way to overcome the natural prejudices of thousands of Asthma patients who have heretofore sought relief in various nostrums in other localities outside of this city. Those who desire to try this medicine, will be sent a free sample package per post, providing they send simply their name and full address (no other writing) on a post card, within the next six days to MUILLER & PHIPPS (Asia), Ltd., Prince's Building, HONGKONG.

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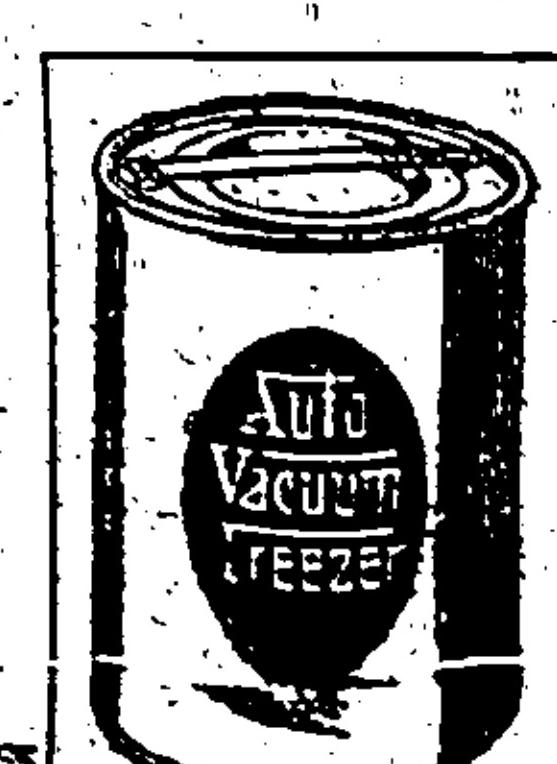
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ASSAULT CHARGE PROVED.

Walter Parker and Fred Carey, two marines from H.M.S. "Hawkins," were this morning charged before Magistrate Lindell with having been drunk and disorderly in the public bar of the Hongkong Hotel on Monday night, and with having assaulted Mr. F. Hawthorn, bar manager of the hotel.

Both defendants denied the charges. Mr. Hawthorn said that on the night in question, he saw defendants in the public bar of the hotel. Carey and another man, not in Court, were endeavouring to prevent Parker from fighting. The witness spent three-quarters of an hour trying to induce them to leave the bar. All the men excepting Parker were sober. As the latter had already had enough, the witness stopped serving the party at 10.45. Eventually, all three men were successfully got out of the bar, leaving the hotel by the side entrance. Five minutes later they returned with a fourth man and stood outside the side entrance in such a manner as to obstruct free passage to the bar. They were "arguing the point," and though not actually attempting to stop people from coming into the bar, were causing an obstruction to such an extent that many people had to walk to the other side of the building to gain admittance to the hotel. The witness again asked them to go away, whereupon Carey used filthy language towards him. "Simultaneously," said the witness, "I received a 'backhander' on the chest." He struck back at Carey, and while engaged with him, received a glancing blow on the back of the head from Parker who was behind him. Mr. White came up and blew a police whistle. In the meantime, Carey gave the witness another "backhander," then, bending down, caught his legs and bore him to the ground. When the constable came, Carey made off. The witness seized Parker while Mr. White gave chase to Carey. The witness added that the other two members of the party went away, on witness's advice when the trouble started. Serious trouble might have occurred, as Parker had his coat off at one stage and was challenging everyone to fight.

Mr. Noel White, who gave corroborative evidence, said that he chased Carey. Outside Moutzis's he overtook Carey who knocked him down with heavy blow. Sgt. Roger who came to witness's assistance had to use his truncheon before Carey surrendered.

The Magistrate said that there was no evidence of assault against Parker excepting the one glancing blow. Carey was the chief cause of the trouble and would be convicted of assault and fined \$15. Parker would only be convicted on the first charge and fined \$5.

Both men were required to sign bonds in the sum of \$60 each to be of good behaviour for six months.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

LOCAL AUXILIARY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at the Helena May Institute yesterday afternoon, when the Lord Bishop of Victoria presided.

The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald led the meeting in prayer. The President then called upon Dr. T. W. Pearce (Hon. Secretary) to present his report. Dr. Pearce said that it was the first time the annual meeting of the auxiliary had been held in the Colony under the presidency of the Bishop. It was their earnest wish that the Bible Society should put on strength and be able to do more than it had ever done before. He hoped that the President's term of office would be a fruitful one. This Auxiliary had been founded many years ago by Mrs. Burden and he knew of no better method of keeping her memory green than by maintaining the Auxiliary in the highest state of efficiency. He appealed earnestly to all present to help the Society to carry on its great work.

The Rev. H. E. Anderson, the Society's Sub-Agent in Hongkong, read the Treasurer's report in the absence of the Honorary Treasurer. He expressed special thanks to the Chinese churches for the valuable services they had rendered to the Society.

The Chairman moved that copies of the reports be forwarded to the Society's agent in Shanghai and the headquarters in London.

Miss Hughes, Ningpo, said that it was probably very difficult for those in Hongkong to realise how few women in the heart of China were educated. It was found actually necessary to pay money to parents in order to induce them to send their little girls to school. Ningpo had a population of roughly 3,000,000, and practically all the women except the girls were uneducated. Miss Hughes related a story of a Chinese woman who became converted and as a proof of her sincerity brought a great many idolatrous papers which had been given to her by Buddhist monks—to be burnt. One of these papers promised her a million dollars in the next world.

The reports were adopted. Those present then sang the hymn "Lord, thy word abideth."

Dr. Webb Anderson proposed the re-election of Dr. Pearce as Honorary Secretary, Mr. T. Arnott as Treasurer, and that the Committee be formed of the ladies and gentlemen whose names were in the report, with power to add to their number. He said that the Society was ancient, but one almost apologetic for using the words, for it had remained so youthful in its methods.

The driver of motor car No. 125 reported to the police that while driving his vehicle on Pokfulum Road at a good speed, a ricksha was taken a sharp corner near Taihauwan, ran into two pedestrians knocking them both down. Both men, who received minor injuries requiring treatment at the hospital, regarded the mishap as a pure accident, and accepted the \$4.50 the ricksha coolie offered as compensation.

The driver of motor car No. 125 reported to the police that while driving his vehicle on Pokfulum Road he ran into two pedestrians who received slight injuries but ran away when he stopped his car and invited them to go with him to No. 7 Police Station to report the accident.

THEATRE ROYAL.

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CONTINUED SUCCESS.

Yet another crowded house in the Theatre Royal last night greeted the popular Bandman Opera Company, whose able presentation of the delightful musical play "The Kiss Call," was received with every evidence of the keenest enjoyment. The intrinsic qualities of the piece itself, displayed to the best advantage by the talented players, were rendered the more effective by the excellent scenic and orchestral effects, while the happy succession of pleasing songs, graceful dances, and merry quips fairly captivated the audience, which expressed its appreciation in no uncertain manner. The greatest credit is due to the artists who played their respective parts with the skill and ease that has given the Company its high reputation in the Far East.

To-night another delightful comedy is promised in "Tails Up."

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per ss. "Dunera" yesterday:—From Bombay, Mr. and Mrs. Ta'a, Messrs K. Dean, J. Cochran, N. B. Flitham, Mr. and Mrs. Loudon, Pte. Thomas, and Pte. Cooper, from Colombo, Sister Fugit, Dr. Archer Brown, Messrs C. J. Horton, R. J. Cook, Wright, Hopcraft, Taitting, Lovett, Kitchin, Richards, Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. Gould, Brown, Mr. H. Peck, Major and Mrs. Wright, Mr. J. C. Hampson, Mr. and Mrs. Chisholm. From Singapore, Mr. and Mrs. Grant-Smith. From Haiphong, Mr. and Mrs. Braxton.

SPORT.

CRICKET.

TOURNAMENT GAMES.

Three matches were played off in the Open events yesterday at the Cricket Club, the singles being brought to the end of the third round.

L. FORSTER v. R. HAMADA.

This match resulted in a win for Forster in four sets. His persistence was too much for the Japanese, who though playing good tennis in places could not cope with the getting power of the Englishman. Hamada, as I said, is the best of the Japanese players, and possesses both forehand and backhand drives. His smash is lacking in accuracy, but he scored many points from Forster by cutting off shots down the line with a sort of stop-volley.

Forster won the first two sets fairly consistently, but Hamada then made an effort and took the third at 6/0, which shocked the admirers of Forster. The Japanese had shot his bolt, however, and Forster took the next set and match in much the same style as the first two sets, scoring by his opponent's mistakes.

Score to Forster:—6/2, 6/3, 6/2.

A. D. HUMPHREYS v. A. A. RUMJAHN.

This tie was productive of the best tennis and the closest struggle. Humphreys started well and took the two first sets in fine style, Rumjahn being careless and giving much away. Humphreys' heavily undercut strokes puzzled the Indian very much, their bounce being most deceptive, so that Rumjahn looked quite foolish and sent many out. After this Rumjahn began to play carefully and put over short ones, the running proving too much for Humphreys. The tennis after this was of the closest variety, the games going to deuce many times.

The Indian took the next set without too much difficulty, though the oyenflow from the hospital, finally become paralysed. When given an admixture of yeast they quickly recovered. Wheat is the same as rice.

Remove the germ and the husk, eat the remainder and nothing else, and disturbances similar to those caused by a diet of polished rice will follow.

VITAMINS AND SCURVY.

Without vitamins no animal can grow. Provide them, and the natural development begins. This has been proved by elaborate experiments on rats. The same principle applies to human beings. Scurvy, a disease very familiar at sea in the older times, and one to which Arctic explorers are peculiarly subject, is caused by the lack of the vitamins contained in fresh food and vegetables. Valuable knowledge was acquired during the war by experiments on guinea pigs to determine the best kinds of food to supply to troops operating in the desert.

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SUPERSTITIONS.

DEAD BODIES ON SHIPBOARD.

Real deep-water sailors who go down to the sea in "wind jammers" are as uneasy to-day as they confidently expect trouble when a dead body is on board as they did in the days when Shakespeare's sailor in "Pericles" insisted that the body of the queen be thrown overboard as, "The sea works high, the wind is loud and will not let me till the ship be cleared of the dead." And long before the age of Shakespeare or the "Prince of Tyre" the superstition existed.

Old Fuller says of the transportation of the body of St. Louis: "His body was carried back to France there to be buried and was most miserably tossed, it being observed that the sea cannot digest the body of a dead corpse, being a due debt to be interred where it died, and a ship cannot abide to be made a bier of."

SYMBOLIC WORDS.

Taking the second group, Mr. Taylor gave the following words: "typhoon" from the Chinese "great wind," "sampan" from the Chinese for "three boards," these frail craft being apparently constructed with three boards; "islaod" means literally "Old and Big" (probably "old" in experience and "big" in importance, it might be added).

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MR. TAYLOR'S TRAVELS.

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A vote of thanks was passed to the speaker at the conclusion of the paper.

WHY MEN GROW.

THE VITAMINS.

MYSTERIOUS POWER.

Nobody knows exactly what is the constitution of a vitamin, but men of science are satisfied that if you don't get them in your food you begin to wither, and you may die.

Dr. Arthur Harden delivered an informing lecture on these mysterious necessities of life at the Royal Institution. There are, he explained, three varieties. Vitamin "A," soluble in fat, occurs in green cabbage (but not in the white heart), in animal fats, in cod liver oil, in oily seeds, in the yolks of eggs, in milk, and in some roots and tubers. Vitamin "B," soluble in water, is in yeast, the germ of wheat and rice, egg-yolks, milk, green plants, fruit juices, and meat. Vitamin "C," which has anti-scorbutic properties, occurs in fruit juices, green-leaved vegetables, germinated seeds, and milk, and is a small quantity of it in potatoes.

In the East it was noticed that the disease of beri-beri is almost confined to races which live on rice, and that its growth occurred at the same time as the introduction of the Western system of milling rice, which removes the husk and the seed-germ, and puts a high polish on the grain.

By living mainly on this polished rice men get beri-beri, become greatly emaciated, or afflicted with dropsy, and paralysis supervenes.

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Then there is the story of the attempt to carry the body of St. Cuthbert into Ireland when the "sea worked high," and drove back the ship upon the English shore. And there are any number of ancient stories of the same sort. Should new and modern ones to like effect be required they can be picked up along the waterfront of any great seaport.

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SHANGHAI.

Apr. 7.—C.N. Ningpo
7.—I.C.S.N. Wingsang
8.—C.N. Chenan
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12.—C.N. Sinkiang
12.—I.C.S.N. Kwangsang
12.—N.Y.K. Dakar Maru
14.—R.I. Takada
14.—N.Y.K. Iyo Maru
27.—R.F. Demodocus
May 5.—R.F. Hector
24.—B.F. Archises

TIENTSIN.

Apr. 10.—I.C.S.N. Cheongsing

TSINGTAO.

Apr. 7.—I.C.S.N. Wingsang
8.—C.N. Utsuan

KEELUNG.

Apr. 10.—O.S.K. Amakusa Maru

PUKOW.

Apr. 12.—C.N. Sinkiang

TAKAO.

Apr. 7.—O.S.K. Sochu Maru

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Apr. 12.—I.C.S.N. Taksang

SAIGON.

Apr. 10.—A.L. Cedarella
12.—M.M. Chili
21.—A.L. Late Farrar
May 1.—O.S.K. Shisen Maru
18.—A.L. Late Owawa

BANGKOK.

Apr. 8.—I.C.S.N. Chembang
May 1.—O.S.K. Shisen Maru

SINGAPORE.

Apr. 8.—C.N. Hupeh
12.—C.N. Luchow
May 1.—O.S.K. Shisen Maru
18.—A.L. Lake Okawa

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, ETC.

MANILA.
Apr. 8.—I.C.S.N. Yenlong
9.—A.L. Crooksey
June 4.—C.M. Nanking

JAVA PORTS, ETC.

INDIAN PORTS, ETC.

CALCUTTA.
(Via Rangoon).
Apr. 8.—B.I. Gregory Apcar.
16.—B.I. Tonilla
17.—N.Y.K. Rangoon Maru
May 4.—B.I. Taka Maru

BOMBAY AND COLOMBO.

Apr. 7.—O.S.K. Baendo Maru
10.—O.S.K. Indus Maru
12.—I.C.S.N. Namang
12.—C.O. Diners
12.—N.Y.K. Whales Maru

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

SIDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
Apr. 8.—O.A. Hwang Ping
11.—E.A. Eastern
11.—N.Y.K. Nikko Maru
23.—C.A. Victoria
30.—A.O. Changsha
May 1.—E.A. Kinowana
17.—N.Y.K. Aki Maru

JAPAN PORTS.

Apr. 11.—P.O.C. Nagoya
11.—I.O.N. Foochow
11.—N.Y.K. Kit Maru
12.—N.Y.K. Katakura Maru
12.—B.P. Tulemaru
12.—N.Y.K. Dakar Maru
14.—B.L. Takada
15.—N.Y.K. Iyo Maru
15.—E.A. Kanowana
17.—B.F. Arapenor
19.—T.T. Persia
25.—T.O.J.L. Tisalak
27.—M.M. Andre Lebon
May 9.—B.F. Machado
20.—B.F. Bellphon
21.—B.F. Achises
25.—P.O. Phay
21.—B.F. Dallion
21.—B.F. Nyassa
21.—P.O. Kalven
18.—P.O. Eadie
24.—P.O. Kyber

AMERICAN PORTS.

VANCOUVER.
Apr. 7.—C.P.O.S. Montevale
11.—O.S.K. Arabia Maru
13.—B.F. Tyndareus
16.—A.L. Crossley
22.—S.O.D. West Iris
28.—C.P.O.S. Empress of Russia
10.—C.P.O.S. Empress of Japan
July 18.—D.L. Melville Duke
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Aug. 18.—C.P.O.S. Montevale
21.—C.P.O.S. Empress of Russia
Sept. 20.—P.O.S. Empress of Japan

VICTORIA.

Apr. 11.—O.S.K. Arabia Maru
13.—B.F. Tyndareus
16.—A.L. Crossley
20.—N.Y.K. Kasihama Maru
May 14.—A.L. Wenatchee
31.—N.Y.K. Fushimi Maru

SEATTLE.

Apr. 8.—R.&S. Canadian Invento.
11.—D.S.K. Arabic Maru
15.—W.L. Delight
18.—A.L. Grosvenor
20.—N.Y.K. Kasihama Maru
22.—S.O.D. West Iris
May 4.—B.F. Protecious
14.—A.L. Wenatchee
23.—B.F. Protecious
31.—N.Y.K. Fushimi Maru

TACOMA.

Apr. 11.—O.S.K. Arabia Maru
13.—G.M.S. West Jeas.
17.—J.C.J.L. Pali
20.—N.Y.K. West Jeas.
27.—T.K.K. Shinyo Maru

SAN FRANCISCO.

Apr. 8.—C.P.O.S. Peran Maru
11.—T.K.K. Taisho Maru
15.—T.K.K. Ixion
23.—A.L. Wenatchee
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COAL STRIKE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

A SUBSIDY WANTED.

Sir Robert Horne said that he met the miners' representatives last week and offered to help them as regards reconsideration of rates by the owners. He was immediately told that it was useless for him to see the owners because the situation could only be solved by the Government granting a subsidy. Therefore, the House would understand that the present controversy was not about rates but whether the country should assist the coal trade with a subsidy which might run to tens of millions in a single year. Such a subsidy could only be paid by taxes. The greatest taxpayers were the great industries which were already suffering the direst tribulation. Were they going to tax these industries in order to subsidise an industry which had better chances? (Labour, interruptions and Ministerial counter cheers.)

OVER OUR DEAD BODIES.

Sir Robert Horne declared that the only possible basis for discussion now was on the wages systems of each district. (Some Labour cries of "Never!" and "Over our dead bodies!") Sir Robert Horne hoped that before many days he would see a change in the Labour members' attitude in this connection. He considered the suggestion to extend Government control for a month impracticable and repudiated the suggestion that this was the first attack on wages, again quoting the case of South Yorkshire. He concluded by dwelling on the country's difficult industrial position. Every trade was suffering alike. He urged the miners to bear their difficulties like the others and await more prosperous times. He hoped that the miners profiting by their opportunities for reflection since the stoppage, were now ready to negotiate than last week.

FURTHER CONTROL URGED.

Mr. Clynes inquired why the date of the control of coal had suddenly been brought forward to March 31 when it was on the Statute Books that control would continue to August 31. Negotiations were progressing when suddenly something occurred breaking them down. The miners did not reject the possibility of a diminution of wages but it would have been on a uniform percentage. New plans for the rescue of mining must be devised. The owners' proposals, which were apparently supported by the Government, would throw back the industry to pre-war conditions. (Labour cries of "worse.") He urged that control be continued for three months, and reminded the Premier that it was he who first began to tell the workers to be audacious and united so as to be able to hold what they had won by the war.

THE ROOT OF THE TROUBLE.

Mr. J. Stanley Holmes urged the formation of a committee of three business men and three non-mining Labour leaders, with a view to finding means to reopen negotiations.

Mr. Asquith said that he was convinced that the miners had not embarked on this struggle from motives of mere passion, yet he almost completely agreed with Sir Robert Horne's remarks as regards the cessation of control and the financial and industrial impossibility of calling on the taxpayer to maintain solvent any particular industry by subsidy. The root of the trouble lay in distinguishing between the regulating of wages on a national or a district basis. He urged that further exploration of these principles might prove that the differences were not unbridgeable with the evolution of a scheme involving gradual reduction of wages. Meanwhile as a preliminary to such a discussion the life of the mines must be preserved.

NATIONAL CONVULSION THREATENED.

Lord Curzon, introducing a similar resolution in the House of Lords, said that he trembled to anticipate what would be the verdict of the Triple Alliance. A desperate spirit was already manifesting itself in some parts of the country. He had just learned from Scotland that the damage in some pits would be appalling. Unless the damage was arrested within 24 hours they might be confronted at the end of the week with a crisis as grave as any during the war. He pictured the development of national convulsion, disorder, violence, and acute class warfare. No government could yield to such a menace. Food stocks in the country were ample, and steps were being taken to provide the necessary forces to maintain order and the defence of public buildings, also the protection of the police and the brave men who were endeavouring to save the mines, but the Government would take every opportunity towards conciliation.

PREFER TO STARVE TO DEATH THAN WORK TO DEATH.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Thomas said that the miners were being offered a wage equivalent to the pre-war £18s. a week. Every decent employee should rebel against such a wage. He deplored the talk of a fight to a finish and said that at the moment the odds overwhelmingly favoured the dispute spreading. The wages offered the miners justified them in saying "We prefer to starve to death than to work to death," and this view would be backed by organised labour. "We will support a workman refusing a starvation wage," he declared.

In the course of the debate the miners' leader undertook to have all pit ponies still down immediately brought up.

PREMIER'S STATEMENT.

Mr. Lloyd George declared that there had been a demand for decontrol of all industries and that subsidising any great industry was completely indefensible. Such a subsidy would be specially indefensible having regard to the heavy taxation and the condition of the Exchequer; and the continuation of control to August 31 would have meant a national loss of a hundred millions, the burden of which no Government would be justified in placing upon the overburdened taxpayer in order to pay wages or to pay mining profits. There was no reason to suppose that a month's extension of control would have avoided the stoppage.

SUBSIDY AND CONTROL BOTH IMPOSSIBLE.

The Government was ready to enter into fresh discussions with a view to settlement on two conditions. Firstly, it could not recommend to Parliament the maintenance of an industry out of general taxation; and secondly, it was impossible to resume control. Outside these two limitations there was a very wide field for discussion. The Government would be willing to do anything possible to promote a good understanding between the owners and the miners, but if there were such negotiations the Miners' Federation and the miners should give every facility and assistance to prevent the pits being destroyed during the discussions, also to save any dumb animals remaining below. He hoped that the miners' leaders and the owners would meet immediately to consider a permanent settlement and prevent a repetition of disputes so damaging and such a menace to the industry of the whole country.

The debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

PREMIER'S SPEECH DISAPPOINTS MINERS.

The miners' leaders are disappointed with the Premier's speech. Mr. Hartshorn declaring, "Mr. Lloyd George has shut the door on everything. I do not know what is going to happen but there will be no meeting between the owners and the Miners' Federation out of lines suggested by Mr. Lloyd George."

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		WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6.
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		THURSDAY, APRIL 7.
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Samahai and Wuchow	Kwongshang	4 p.m.
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		THURSDAY, APRIL 14.
Swatow, Amoy, and Tako	Sobu Mart	9 a.m.
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		SATURDAY, APRIL 15.
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		MONDAY, APRIL 17.
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Shanghai and North China	Arabia Mart	11 a.m.
	Kwonggang	5 p.m.
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Japan	Aki Mart	10 a.m.
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		FRIDAY, APRIL 21.
		SATURDAY, APRIL 22.
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WEATHER REPORT.

April 6th, 11h. 45m. — Pressure has increased considerably at Vladivostock and decreased slightly at most of the other reporting stations.

The anticyclone appears to be central over S. Manchuria.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 5.74 inches, against an average of 6.92 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on April 7th.

—Hongkong to Gap Rock, E. winds, moderate; forecast some drizzling rain or mist.

E.风。Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, fresh.

—South coast of China between Shantung and Lamocka. The same as No. 1.

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71, who on January 27 was found in

a dying condition in her cottage with